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SAT/ACT INFORMATION

FOR COACHES

What is the SAT?

A 3-hour and 45-minute test used by colleges for admissions purposes.

- It has 3 sections with a fixed amount of time for each section.
- Sections test writing, mathematics, and critical reading skills.

What is the ACT?

A 3-hour test used by colleges for admissions purposes.

- It has 4 sections with a fixed amount of time for each section.
- Sections test English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning.
- Most college applications require SAT or ACT scores.
- Students must register and pay a fee to take the SAT and ACT.
- Students can take the tests more than once if they don't like their scores, but they must pay again.

What should students do who want to take the SAT or ACT?

Go to the Guidance Office.

- Find out when and where the test is given.
- Find out the application fee and deadline.
- Ask if financial aid is available for the fees.

Should students practice for the test?

YES! Students do better if they know what to expect. They should practice and learn some tips and tricks.

How can students practice for the test?

Read some tests to see what they are like.

- Look at books for tips and hints.
- Take practice tests with friends.
- Take practice tests alone.
- After a while, practice with timing and simulated test-taking conditions.

What should you do to help students practice?

- Provide review and test-taking materials.
- Encourage students to practice; use real tests, if possible.

For the most up-to-date information on the SAT, see www.collegeboard.com; for the ACT www.actstudent.org